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# **New Parking Standards for Affordable Housing**

***New Partners for Smart Growth***

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# Project Background



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- Provision of adequate Affordable Housing is a priority
- Inflexible/outmoded parking requirements contribute to land use inefficiencies, increased costs and bar augmenting the City stock of Affordable Housing
- Direction – Develop parking requirements based a scientific study using local data



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# Key Project Objectives

1. Evaluate parking demand at local Affordable Housing developments
2. Identify how parking demand is affected by different project and neighborhood characteristics
3. Develop parking requirements for future Affordable Housing projects sensitive to their context



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## Definition of *Affordable Housing*

- Units with restrictions recorded against the property which determine:
  - Monthly rent
  - Sales price
  - Targeted ownership or rental households
  - Occupancy
  - Length of affordability

# Site Selection



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## Representative Sample

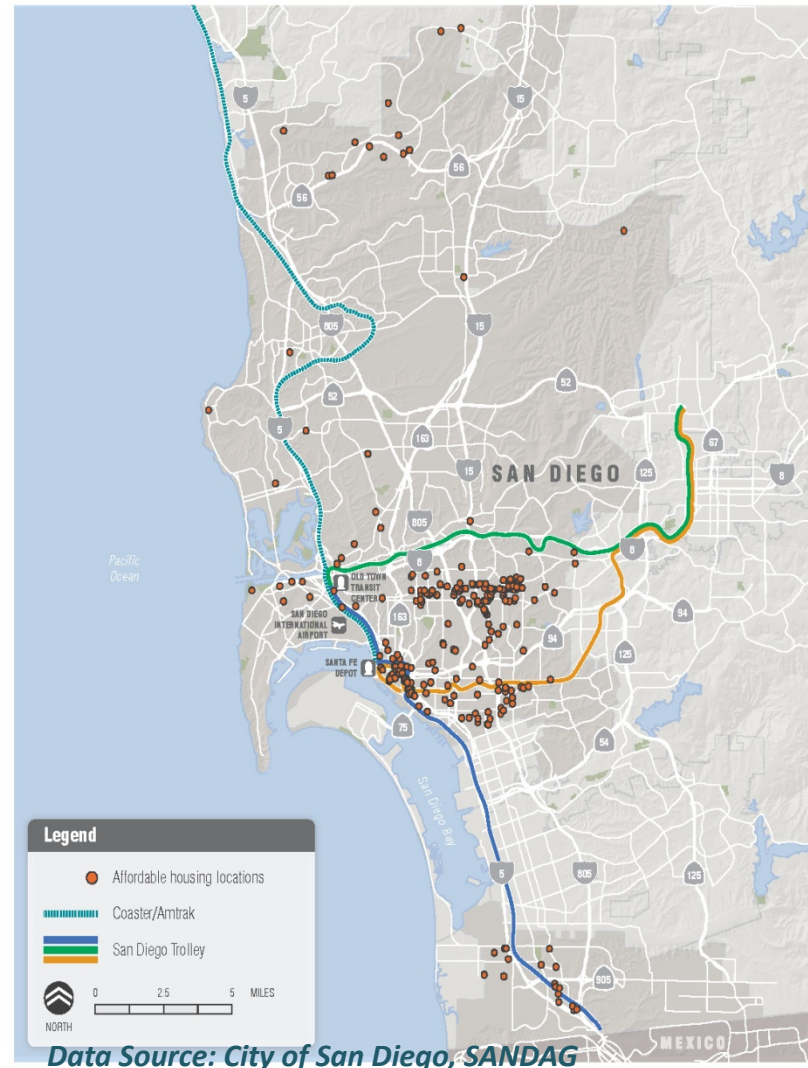
- Several databases of sites from city combined cleaned up & geocoded - *138 sites*
- Site selection tool applied to keep existing 138 sites characteristic distribution – *50 sites*
  - Project type & size
  - Land use & transit characteristics
  - Geographic distribution
- Site managers contacted for participation in survey – *34 sites*
- On/off-site parking data collection conducted – *21 sites*
  - Meets original site characteristic distribution
  - Survey response rates >20%

# Data Collected



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- Project characteristics
  - Unit mix, housing type, project type, parking demand
- Neighborhood context
  - Transit availability, frequency, sidewalks, bike facilities, LU mix
- Resident characteristics
  - Household size, auto ownership, parking habits




# Data Collection Methods

- Household Survey (34 sites)
  - 2,780 households
  - 40% return
- Annual Eligibility Survey (income data)
- Field observations of parking patterns (21 sites)
- GIS mapping of transit and land use context



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Resident Survey

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questionnaire about parking at the building or complex where you live. Your responses will help the City improve parking conditions and better understand the parking needs of affordable housing residents. All of your responses will be held strictly confidential and will be used for information purposes only. Your completed survey will be delivered directly to the City and will not be read or seen by your landlord or property manager.

Once you have completed the survey, please seal it inside the attached envelope and return it to your property manager at the office. They will collect the envelopes and provide them directly to the City.

Please contact your property manager if you have any questions about this survey. Thank you for your help!

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1) How long have you lived here?  
☐ More than 1 year    ☐ less than 1 year

1a) If less than 1 year, did you previously live in a different unit in the same complex or development?  
☐ Yes    ☐ No

2) Including you, how many people live in your home?  
☐ 1 (just me)    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4    ☐ 5    ☐ 6 or more people

3) How many of the people living in your home are under 18 years old?  
☐ none    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more people

4) How many of the people living in your home are over 65 years old?  
☐ none    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more people

5) How many licensed drivers live in your home?  
☐ none    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more people

6) How many people living in your home are employed full time (work 35 or more hours a week)?  
☐ none    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more people

7) How many people living in your home are employed part time (work 1-34 hours per week)?  
☐ none    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more people

8) How many total vehicles (cars, trucks, or motorcycles) do you and the people living in your home have?  
☐ 0    ☐ 1    ☐ 2    ☐ 3    ☐ 4 or more vehicles

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# Public Participation Process



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- Website Updates: [www.sandiego.gov/affordpark/](http://www.sandiego.gov/affordpark/)
- Fact Sheets
- Public Workshop
- Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Meetings (PWG)
- Updates to Public Officials





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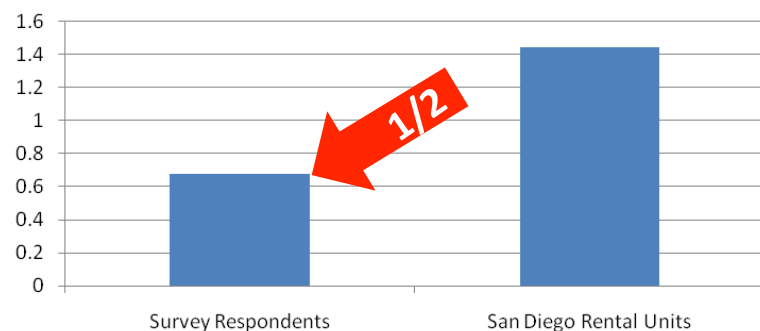
# Data Analysis & Findings



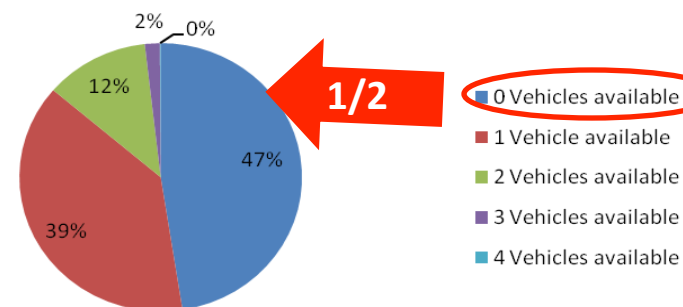
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# Vehicle Availability for AFH Residents

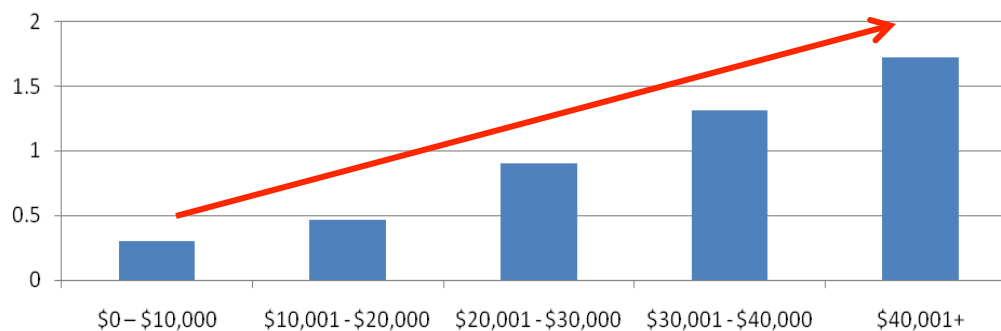
**Average Household Vehicle Availability**



**Distribution of Residents' Household Vehicle Availability**



**Mean Vehicle Availability by Household Income Range**



# Vehicle Availability by Housing Type & Unit Size



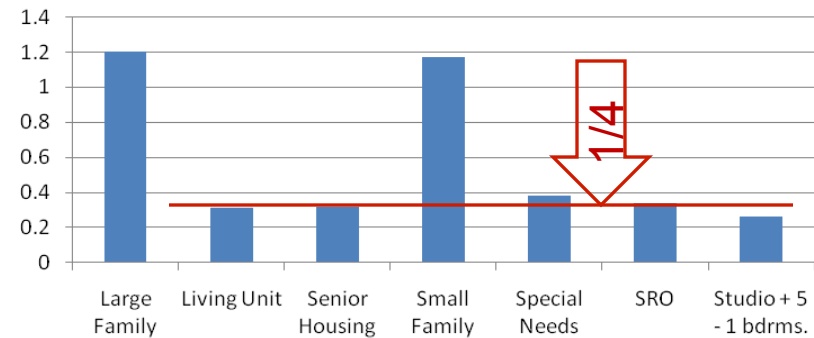
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Large and small family housing have significantly higher average vehicle availability than all other housing types.

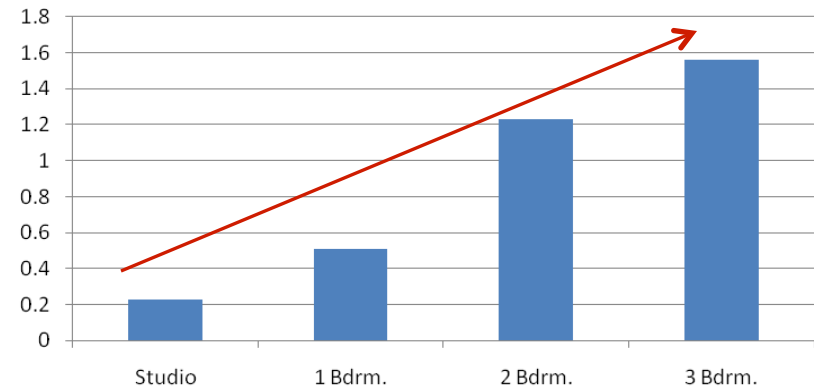
Larger units, measured by number of bedrooms, are likely to have

- More residents
- More drivers
- More vehicle availability

**Mean Vehicle Availability by Housing Type**



**Mean Vehicle Availability by Unit Size**



# Vehicle Availability by Transit & Land Use



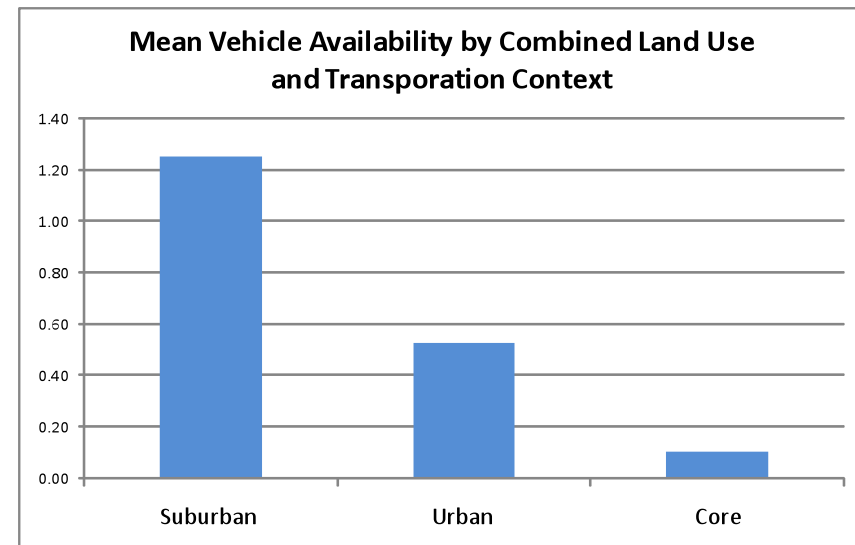
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Household vehicle availability is higher in areas that are :

Less conducive to walking

More limited access to transit.

- Transit use is measured in terms of peak hour rail transit trips within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and bus transit trips within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile
- Land use index is based on the number of destinations within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.



## Three Categories

*Suburban*: High parking demand propensity

*Urban*: Medium parking demand propensity

*Core*: Low parking demand propensity

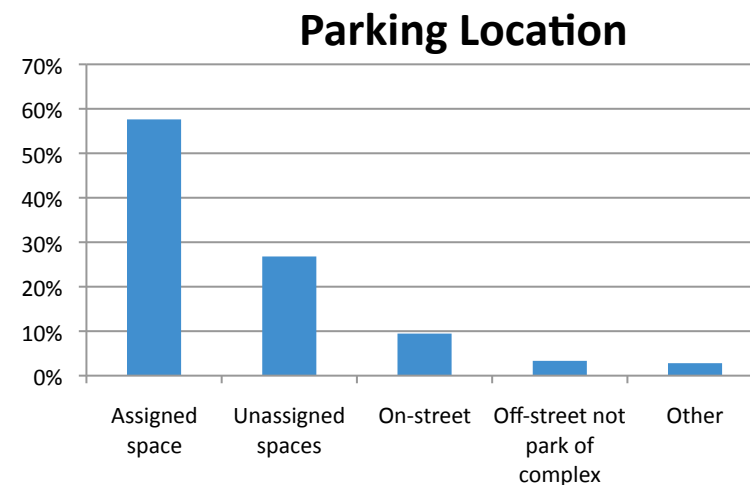
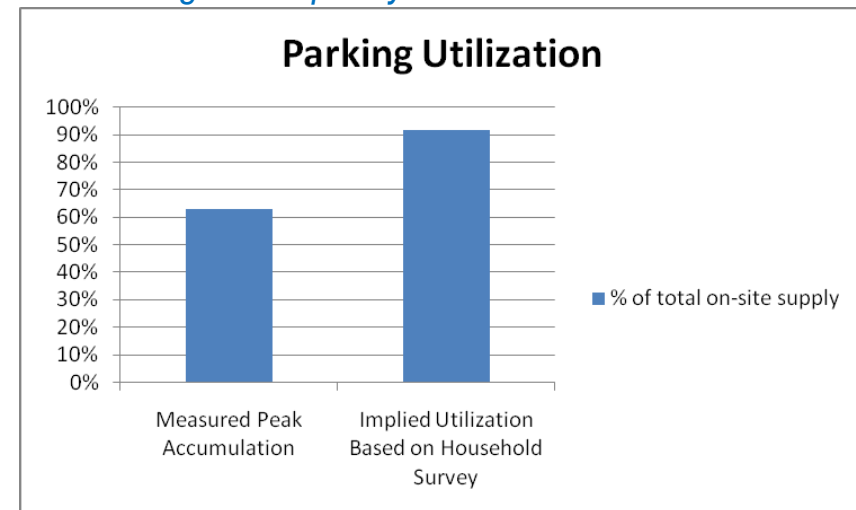


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# Parking Utilization

*Reported vehicle availability was greater than measured overnight occupancy*

- On-site parking utilization data indicated parking was less utilized than the household survey responses implied
- Of households that parked a vehicle – most parked on-site. 35.3% of households indicated they had an one or more assigned spaces.
- Most visitors parked on-street (54.5%); 16.7% parked in designated visitor parking.





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# Highlights of Study Recommendations

- Rates linked to broad transportation, land use and housing goals
- Rates considered in the context of on-street parking management
- Rates based on housing type and size (Family housing, senior housing, living unit/SRO housing, studio/1 bedroom, special needs)
- Rates consider project characteristics and context (*transit* availability and walkable destinations).
- Provisions for Visitor and Staff parking.
- Base *vacancy factor* (10%) adjusted to consider assigned vs. unassigned parking.
- Instituting *unassigned parking* to optimize on-site supply.
- Parking management tools and travel demand management strategies to be considered for appropriate developments to supplement minimum parking requirements reform.

(Parking pricing/unbundling and tandem parking were found not applicable)

# Parking Requirements



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## Lookup table:

- Type & size of unit (5 types)
- Project characteristics/context (Low/core, Medium/urban or High/suburban parking demand propensity)
- Guest parking on-site (0 or 0.15 spaces per unit)
- Staff parking on-site (0 – 0.1 spaces/unit)
- Vacancy rate (0 or 10%)

# Implementation (example)



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## 80 UNIT FAMILY HOUSING EXAMPLE

	A. Total Units	B. Studio S/U/C	C. 1 BR S/U/C	D. 2 BR S/U/C	E. 3 BR S/U/C	F. Subtotal ( $\Sigma$ B3 - E3)	G. Visitor Parking (G2 x A1)	H. Staff Parking (H2xA1)	I. Subtotal ( $\Sigma$ F3 -H3)	Total with/ without Vacancy adjust. factor
<b>High Parking Demand Propensity (Suburban Settings)</b>										
1.Units	80	0	12	42	26					
2.Rate		N/A	1.0/0.6/0.33	1.3/1.1/0.5	1.75/1.4/0.75		0.15	0.05		1.1/1.0
3.Spaces		0	12	54.6	45.5	112.1	12	4	128.1	141
<b>Medium Parking Demand Propensity (Urban Settings)</b>										
1.Units	80	0	12	42	26					
2.Rate		N/A	1.0/0.6/0.33	1.3/1.1/0.5	1.75/1.4/0.75		0.15	0.05		1.1/1.0
3.Spaces		0	7.2	46.2	36.4	89.8	12	4	105.8	116

S- Suburban U- Urban C - Core





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# Base Parking Comparison

80 Unit Family Housing Comparison							
Unit Size	Citywide Parking Ratio <sup>1, 2</sup>	Number of Units	Citywide	Transit Overlay or Very Low Income	Parking Impact	Suburban Settings	Urban Settings
Studio	1.25	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 BR	1.50	12 (15%)	18	15	21	0	0
2 BR	2.00	42 (52.5%)	84	73.5	94.5	-	-
3 BR	2.25	26 (32.5%)	58.5	52	65	-	-
Total Spaces			161	141	181	141	116

<sup>1</sup> 0.25 less for very low income, Transit Overlay, & tandem parking

<sup>2</sup> 0.25 additional in Parking Impact

## Next Steps



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- Land Development Code Amendments
- Review Process:
  - Technical Advisory Committee
  - Code monitoring Team
  - Community Planners Committee
  - E-Blast for public review and comment
  - Web posting
- Approval Process:
  - Planning Commission
  - City Council
  - California Coastal Commission



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# Questions and Answers